

Thomas Harrigan

From: David De Angelis
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 3:31 PM
To: Thomas Harrigan
Subject: FW: Neil,

From: Village President Neil Palmer
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 8:19 AM
To: Craig Porter <crchpo@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: David De Angelis <ddeangelis@elmgrovewi.org>
Subject: RE: Neil,

Mr. Porter,

I respect your opinion of disapproval of proposals for the Reinders property.

I would like you to consider however, that you might completely wrong on other issues in your email.

1. I did not express an opinion on the acceptability of the new proposed density. I said that the new proposal addressed the issue of density raised by residents. This short quote was part of a larger discussion of the "new" proposal in relationship to the first conceptual proposal. In the complete discussion I made the point that the new proposal did address most if not all of the issues raised by either the Village or residents.

2. Your criticism that there has not been enough opportunity for citizen input is based on misunderstanding of the process followed for any development proposal. The Village of Elm Grove has not received an application for any project yet. Once an application is filed there will be numerous meetings and hearings on all aspects of the proposal details. There will be numerous opportunities for public discussion input. All of the public discussion to date has been in regard to an initial concept put forth by the owner and developer. This "conceptual" presentation requirement was designed specifically to allow residents to be informed and encourage discussion and dialog BEFORE any application is filed. I hope you have taken the opportunity to participate in discussion held by the Wangard team or follow the information gathering of the special citizen committee formed to evaluate issues on this concept.

When an application is filed the Village Board, Board Committees, Plan Commission and Building Board will begin reviews of aspects in their respective areas based on the application. If the developers request TIF funding there will also be a series of meetings which also involve Waukesha County, Elmbrook Schools and WCTC. I encourage you to attend and participate as you see fit.

3. I accept your statement that you appreciate citizens are willing to serve as trustees. However, I reject and am insulted by your comment that Village Trustees are involved in backroom deals to steamroll anything. You are totally misinformed on the positions or actions of the Board or Village staff. If you believe there have been backroom dealings or steamrolling I would appreciate you describing specifically what you believe those actions are.

The Reinders as owners of property have various rights. If a property owner is contemplating change to their property they are encouraged to investigate what types of approvals are needed and what rules apply. In essence that is what has been going on for a number of months. The Village staff and Board, principally me as

Village President, have had discussions with Reinders and the Wangard team to explain requirements, timelines and processes they will have to follow should they decide to file an application. This is exactly what we the Village would do for any property owner.

I take my role as Village President seriously. I try to evaluate all matters that come before the Board in a way which considers the interests of all residents. I also try to be respectful of everyone's opinions and motives. If you would like to meet and discuss these matters please contact me.

Neil Palmer

From: Craig Porter <outlook_D5B8442937B4C3DE@outlook.com> on behalf of Craig Porter <crchpo@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7:37 PM

To: Village President Neil Palmer

Subject: Neil,

As a property owner of Elm Grove with a residence at 1150 Upper Ridgeway I write to express my absolute disapproval of the proposed development of the Reinders property by Wanguard. I am distressed to see that you have publicly suggested that the density issues have been addressed and am equally distressed at the lack of opportunity for significant AND ONGOING citizen input into this proposed development. While I appreciate the fact that there are citizens of Elm Grove willing to serve as trustees, I wonder whose interests the trustees are serving in this relatively "back room" proposal that appears to be steamrolling forward.

I DO NOT support this development. I would ask that the opportunity be offered for a substantive discussion in an open and public forum on at least three additional occasions to allow the citizenry of Elm Grove to offer their concerns and to have them directly and publicly addressed.

Craig C Porter

Sent from Surface